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More than 40% of city's total suicide cases due to family problems, 32% due to physical illness — B'luru accounts for maximum such deaths across 53 major cities of country

AT THE DEEP END

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If the latest data by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) on the number of suicides is anything to go by, Bengalureans are finding it difficult to navigate family issues and health concerns.

To an extent, these concerns are forcing them to take the extreme step.

NCRB's latest report on accidental deaths and suicides shows that while more than 40% of the total suicide cases in Bengaluru in 2023 were due to family problems, nearly 32% of the cases were due to physical illness or prolonged physical illness. Both reasons put together accounted for nearly 75% of lives lost to suicide in the city.

Bengaluru has also recorded the

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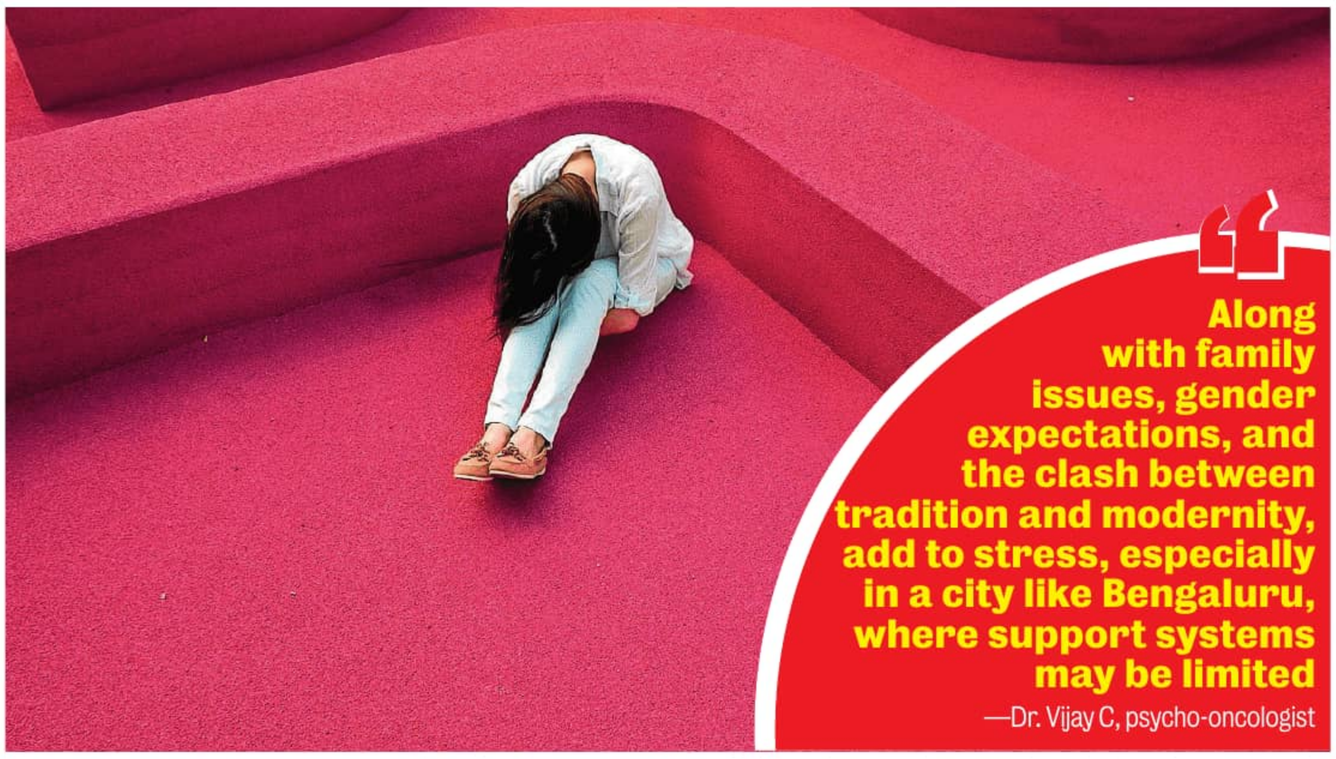

> Along with family issues, gender expectations, and the clash between tradition and modernity, add to stress, especially in a city like Bengaluru, where support systems may be limited
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> —Dr. Vijay C, psycho-oncologist

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GREEN SHOOTS

From composting waste to thrifting clothes, Gen Z likes to keep in sync with the environment

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01 Lit scene

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02 Jam session

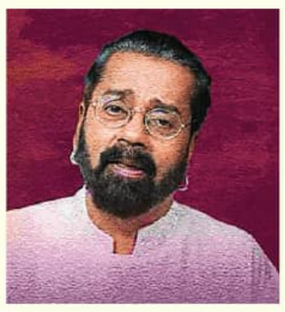
One Mic is presenting 'Dil Wali Diwali–Pre Diwali Celebration', a live jamming session offering an evening full of melodies, laughter and festive spirit. **Where: Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala; When: October 4, 5.30 pm**

03 New opportunities

Education in Ireland is set to host its flagship 'Education in Ireland Fair', bringing together representatives and academics from 21 Irish universities and colleges, along with officials from the Irish Visa Office, offering students and parents the opportunity to engage directly with institutions and gain first-hand insights on studying in Ireland. **Where: Taj MG Road; When: October 5, 12 pm to 4 pm**

04 Soulful music

Culture Haus is presenting 'Riwaayat' where legendary singer Hariharan will be offering an evening of soulful ghazals and deeply emotive vocals in a transcendent performance. **Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte; When: October 4, 7.30 pm**



05 Artistic compassion

An art show titled 'The Chimeric Concoction' is being held as a fundraising effort by artist Aparna Rajapandian. A part of the proceeds will be given to Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre (CARE). **Where: Art Houz, Vasanth Nagar; When: Until October 5, 10 am to 6 pm**

06 Groove along

Raghu Dixit will be taking the stage for a spectacular Silver Jubilee celebration of timeless tunes and unforgettable performances. From folk soul to rock fusion, the performance is set to take the audience on a melodious journey. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: October 11, 7 pm**

07 Groove along

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath presents Bengaluru Utsava – a vibrant festive exhibition-cum-sale celebrating Dasara and Navaratri through the artistry of over 50 artisans from across India. The event features over 70 stalls offering handloom, handicrafts, lifestyle products, festive decor, and essentials for Bombe Habba doll displays and winter wear. **Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road; When: Until October 12, 10 am onwards**

Divine departure

Immersion of Goddess Durga idols after Navaratri was carried out at Ulsoor Lake. The moment, blending devotion with reverence, marks the end of Navaratri.

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K'taka's vehicle scrapping lags despite policy push

Bengaluru leads with 34 lakh vehicles over 15 years old, but owners reluctant to scrap; activists say poor adoption highlights need for stronger enforcement and public awareness

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Karnataka's ambitious vehicle scrapping policy, introduced in line with the Centre's directive to phase out vehicles older than 15 years, has found little acceptance among vehicle owners. Data shows that in the past two years, only 0.07 per cent of eligible vehicles in the state have been scrapped, reflecting widespread reluctance despite tax rebates and government incentives.

Bengaluru tops in old vehicles

According to the State Transport Department, Bengaluru alone has 34 lakh vehicles that are more than 15 years old. Among these are 21 lakh two-wheelers, 7 lakh cars, and nearly 6 lakh other vehicles. Statewide, there are 69 lakh old two-wheelers and 15 lakh cars. In total, 86 lakh private vehicles and 14 lakh government vehicles in Karnataka have crossed the 15-year threshold.

Private vehicles escape mandate

While scrapping has been made mandatory for government vehicles, private vehicle owners are free to decide whether to scrap their vehicles. This voluntary approach has resulted in poor compliance. In Bengaluru, scrapping facilities have been set up at Devanahalli and Koratagere (Tumakuru) as Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSFs). However, in two years, only around 1,000 private vehicles and 4,000 government vehicles have been scrapped at these centres. Owners are compensated based on the scrap weight of their vehicles, and a Certificate of Deposit (CoD) is issued after scrapping.

Despite government incentives like tax rebates and other monetary benefits, scrapping policy has failed to gain momentum among vehicle owners, says Transport Department official

Tax rebates fail to attract owners

A Transport Department official said the government has introduced road tax exemptions for those purchasing new vehicles after discarding their old ones, to encourage vehicle scrapping. "Owners of non-transport vehicles are eligible for rebates of up to 25 per cent, while transport vehicles receive a 15 per cent rebate. In addition, buyers are offered direct monetary benefits ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 on new two-wheelers and between Rs 10,000 and Rs 40,000 on new four-wheelers, depending on the model," said the official. The official noted that even in cases where old tax payment records are unavailable, the rebate is calculated on the new vehicle's purchase price. "However, despite these incentives, the scrapping policy has failed to gain momentum among vehicle owners," added the official.

Environmental concerns unaddressed

Experts warn that older vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution and road safety risks. With Bengaluru alone holding over 34 lakh ageing vehicles, the city's air quality is at stake. Activists said that the policy's poor adoption highlights the need for stronger enforcement mechanisms and greater public awareness about the environmental and safety hazards of retaining outdated vehicles.

Midday meal rate revised but NGOs still paid old costs

Even a year after the government revised cooking costs for the midday meal scheme, NGOs supplying meals to government school-children are still being reimbursed at the old rates, pushing them into financial distress. In August 2025, the Department of School Education and Literacy increased the per-child cooking cost from Rs 6.19 to Rs 6.78 for Classes 1–5, and from Rs 9.29 to Rs 10.17 for Classes 6–10, with effect from May. However, despite the order, payments continue at outdated rates.

Currently, 71 NGOs serve midday meals to 9.31 lakh students in 5,587 schools across Karnataka, while a total of 53.21 lakh students from Classes 1–10 benefit under the scheme. Costs are shared in a 60:40 ratio between the Centre and the State, with the Union government allocating Rs 570.41 crore and the state Rs 336.96 crore. NGOs have appealed to the department to release payments at revised rates, warning that rising food prices make it nearly impossible to provide meals at current reimbursements. **— BMB**

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BMRCL approves two-tier metro expansion across key city routes

Project enhances multimodal connectivity while minimising urban disruption

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BMRCL plans dual-layer metro along JP Nagar-Hebbal

In a significant development for Bengaluru's urban mobility, the board of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has approved the construction of 40.56 km of double-decker elevated corridors as part of the upcoming Namma Metro Phase-3 project. The proposed double-decker stretches will run along the JP Nagar–Hebbal and Hosahalli–Kadabagere routes, covering a total length of 44.65 km. The board is set to request that the Karnataka government bear the additional estimated cost of ₹8,916 crore for this ambitious infrastructure enhancement. A similar model has already been implemented on a 3-km stretch of Phase-2's Yellow Line between Central Silk Board and Ragigudda at a cost of ₹450 crore, where metro trains operate above the elevated road. Encouraged by its success, the state has now decided to adopt the double-decker model for large parts of Phase-3.

BMRCL commissions feasibility studies for double-decker structures and station designs. Total construction is projected at ₹26,368 crore, with land acquisition expected to cost ₹2,548 crore, pending state approval

Phase-3 of the metro was approved by the Centre in 2024, covering two major corridors: JP Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura (32.15 km) and Hosahalli to Kadabagere (12.5 km), with an estimated project cost of ₹15,611 crore. Although land acquisition for these corridors is already underway, the initial Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted to the Centre did not include the double-decker proposal. The state government has since revised the plan, considering the model a cost-effective solution to urban congestion and land acquisition challenges.

The double-decker design involves constructing two elevated layers — a road on the lower deck and metro rail on the upper deck — above the existing ground-level road. The model minimises land acquisition and construction disruptions while improving multimodal connectivity.

To assess feasibility, BMRCL had commissioned a Hyderabad-based infrastructure consultancy firm. The firm has submitted a positive report, which has been vetted and approved by BMRCL. A detailed study has been conducted on the feasibility of double-decker structures from Sumanahalli Cross to Kadabagere and from JP Nagar Station to BDA Complex and Nagarabhavi Station. The scope includes station designs, lamp-post installations, and plans for depots and multimodal hubs near Peenya and Sumanahalli.

According to sources, the civil construction cost for the double-decker segment is projected at ₹26,368 crore, while land acquisition is expected to cost ₹2,548 crore. BMRCL is likely to approach the state government within the next two weeks to formally seek approval and financial commitment for the additional budget.

Peaceful march calls out daily animal suffering

Activists walk 3 km to raise awareness on cruelty in food, fashion, and testing

On Gandhi Jayanti, animal rights activists walked a 3 km route through AECS Layout, drawing attention to the often-overlooked suffering of trillions of animals exploited for human purposes.

Named Satyagraha 2.0, the peaceful march celebrated the principle of ahimsa and highlighted the fundamental rights of animals, who endure daily hardships in industries such as food, clothing, entertainment, and scientific testing. Some participants, fasting for up to 18 hours beforehand, engaged with passersby to raise awareness and promote veganism as an ethical choice against cruelty.

This marks the fourth year of the campaign, organised by Bengaluru Brigade for Animal Liberation (BBAL) in partnership with the Vegan India Movement (VIM).

Wearing white to symbolise their commitment to peace and non-violence, activists spoke outside restaurants and other businesses, sharing videos and information about the cruelty behind animal products.

Initiative by BBAL and Vegan India Movement combines fasting, outreach, and symbolic attire to spotlight exploitation in multiple industries

Placards displayed messages such as "Ahimsa Begins on Your Plate", "Fasting Against the Killing of Male Calves in Dairying", and "Animals Are Individuals, Not Ingredients".

Nitin, a core organiser, said, "Ahimsa is deeply rooted in Indian culture, yet most people don't recognise how their everyday choices cause harm. Products like eggs, meat, milk, leather, silk, and tested cosmetics come from the suffering of sentient beings. True compassion means recognising animals as individuals with their own lives—not as resources."

Volunteers participating in Satyagraha

Dilip, another lead organiser, added, "Many believe that vegetarianism alone ends animal cruelty, but using animals for dairy, leather, honey, silk, or animal-tested cosmetics still violates their right to live freely and raise their young. Our goal is to encourage people to align their actions with values they already hold—that every sentient being deserves to live with respect and freedom." — BMB

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Slab danger
Maruthi Seva Nagar

Broken and displaced footpath slabs opposite Orion East Mall, Maruthi Seva Nagar, pose a serious risk to pedestrians. Urgent BBMP action is required before accidents occur.

Sidewalk snag
RT Nagar

In RT Nagar, opposite Florence Public School Park, garages encroach three feet onto the footpath, with roofing constructed to house cars. Immediate BBMP intervention is needed.

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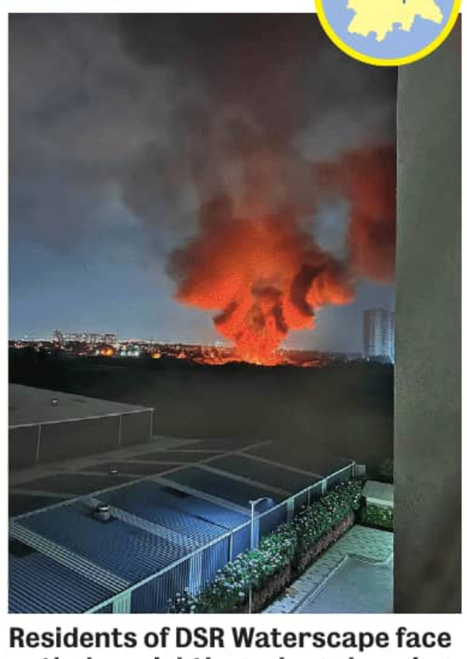
Residents of DSR Waterscape face potholes, nightly garbage burning, and unsafe roads, making the area almost uninhabitable.

Three arrested in Cottonpet murder case, parents of accused held for attempting to destroy evidence

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Man bludgeoned over old feud, succumbs to wounds; culprit held with parents

Cottonpet police have arrested three individuals in connection with the death of a man who was assaulted over an old enmity. The case came to light when the complainant, residing near Mini Bhakshi Garden, approached Cottonpet Police Station on September 15, reporting that her husband had been attacked with a deadly weapon.

According to the police, the victim was assaulted early in the morning by a man armed with an iron spanner. The confrontation stemmed from a quarrel between the victim's elder brother and the accused along with his brother. Initially, a fight broke out between the two men, but the accused later attacked the victim multiple times on the head with the spanner, causing severe bleeding.

The accused was apprehended the same day, and confessed to the crime during interrogation. On September 16, he was produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody. Further investigation revealed that the accused's parents had taken the injured victim to a hospital but deliberately misled medical staff by claiming he had fallen due to alcohol consumption, attempting to destroy evidence. The victim was later admitted to Victoria Hospital for treatment but succumbed to his injuries on September 25.

Following the death, a murder case was registered. Based on evidence of their involvement in obstructing justice, the accused's father and mother were arrested and produced before the court on September 26, which remanded them to judicial custody. Police continue to investigate the case.

Bengaluru Witnesses a Cultural Extravaganza of Music & Festivities Curated by Stagefuel

Bengaluru was abuzz with festive fervor as Stagefuel successfully curated and managed a series of spectacular events, bringing together music, dance, and community celebrations.

Wildstone presents Bengaluru's Biggest Dandiya Night on September 27 & 28 at Nexus Vega City Mall turned out to be a grand success, drawing huge audiences who celebrated the spirit of Navratri with electrifying beats and dandiya moves.

The event, promoted and curated by Stagefuel, garnered massive mileage across digital media and created unforgettable festive memories. Organizers extended heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors for their support in making the event a resounding success.

Adding to the city's festive charm, Sukriti Cultural Association celebrated its glorious 10th year with a magnificent concert at VMS Convention Hall, Dommasandra, Sarjapur Road. The evening featured a power-packed performance by Somlata and The Aces Band, which mesmerized a massive crowd of nearly 50,000–60,000 attendees. The event, managed end-to-end by Stagefuel, stood as a landmark celebration in the association's cultural journey.

Meanwhile, the festive mood also resonated at the HOH Anandodhara Durga Puja celebrations, where Namma Bengaluru band Zehen performed live in Hiranandani Apartment, Bannerghatta Road. The concert drew an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 5,000, once again highlighting Stagefuel's expertise in delivering community-driven cultural experiences.

Together, these vibrant events showcased not only the city's passion for music and celebration but also reaffirmed Stagefuel's role as a premier curator and manager of large-scale cultural festivities in Bengaluru.

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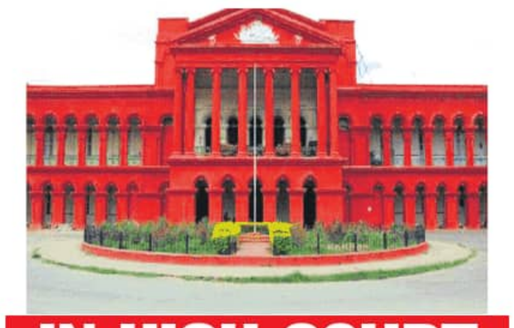
'Corruption threatens democracy, rule of law'



IN HIGH COURT

The Karnataka High Court has mphasised that tribunals and lower courts should exercise restraint in interfering with departmental findings in corruption cases, noting that corruption threatens democracy and the rule of law.

A Division Bench of Justices S Sunil Dutt Yadav and Vijaykumar A Patil set aside the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal's (KSAT) order, which had quashed the compulsory retirement of village accountant Shivanagouda Vasanad, accused of accepting a bribe.

"Corruption is a menace that threatens democracy and undermines the rule of law," the bench observed. "Courts are not mere spectators but the last bastion of justice, duty-bound to uphold accountability over impunity."

Vasanad was accused of demanding Rs 2,500 for mutating revenue records. A trap caught him with the tainted money in his shirt pocket. A departmental enquiry followed, and the Enquiry Officer recommended punishment in October 2019. Acting on this, the State imposed compulsory retirement immediately.

However, KSAT had set aside the penalty in October 2020, noting Vasanad's acquittal in the criminal trial. The State argued that the acquittal was on technical grounds and did not amount to an honourable acquittal, adding that sufficient evidence existed in the departmental enquiry to justify punishment.

The bench agreed, observing that witness statements and documentary evidence, including pre-trap and post-trap mahazars, clearly proved the demand and acceptance of illegal gratification. "The trap procedure conducted by the Investigating Officer is in accordance with law," the judges said.

The tribunal was criticised for failing to apply the correct legal standard, as departmental proceedings require proof by preponderance of probabilities, while criminal trials require proof beyond reasonable doubt. The bench also noted that charges in criminal and departmental proceedings are distinct, with different evidence.

Accordingly, the High Court allowed the State's petition and restored Vasanad's compulsory retirement, concluding that the enquiry had been conducted properly and sufficient opportunity was given to the employee.

Drug inspector transferred, but case still holds

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that a fresh government notification is not required each time a Drugs Inspector is transferred to a new jurisdiction.

Justice S Vishwajith Shetty dismissed a petition filed by Vishwanath Kadli, proprietor of Kadli Pharma, who argued that proceedings against him were invalid since the complainant–Inspector was originally notified only for Shivamogga Circle and no fresh notification was issued after his transfer to Gadag Circle.

The Court held that such an interpretation of Section 21 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 would be "unreasonable and impracticable." It observed that once an Inspector is appointed through Gazette notification under Section 21(1), his powers and duties under Section 21(2) continue even after transfer. "Issuance of notification on every occasion when an Inspector is transferred is not at all practicable," the judge remarked.

The case originated from a complaint filed by the Assistant Drugs Controller, Gadag, alleging that one Dr S C Nekar, not a registered medical practitioner, was running a clinic without a drug license and procuring allopathic drugs from Kadli for dispensing to patients. The prosecution claimed this amounted to violation of license conditions under Section 18(a)(vi) of the Act, with penalties under Section 27(d).

The Magistrate had already committed the case to the Sessions Court. Upholding this, the High Court concluded that there was "no illegality or irregularity" in the proceedings and dismissed Kadli's plea. -BMB

Limitations of delimitation: 'Wards too large to handle'

Political platform BNP says exercise for newly-formed corporations flawed, points out need to have at least 500 wards for effective governance, publish population data

The Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) has strongly criticised the State Government for the flawed ward delimitation exercise conducted for the newly-formed five Corporations.

The Government had earlier claimed that splitting BBMP into five Corporations would make governance more citizen-centric. However, the number of wards has been fixed at about 368, leaving them still too large to be effectively governed. For a city with nearly 1.5 crore people, BNP has stressed the need for at least 500 wards, with around 30,000 residents and 20,000 voters per ward. This recommendation was also made by the Brand Bengaluru Committee but has not been adopted.

Srikanth Narasimhan, Founder and General Secretary of BNP, said, "This delimitation exercise clearly shows that governance was never the intent. By refusing to create smaller, more manageable wards, the Government has undermined the very purpose of forming five Corporations. Bengaluru needs

at least 500 wards if we truly want governance to reach the people."

BNP has also flagged serious discrepancies in the population estimates used for the delimitation. The data suggests that East Bengaluru (Mahadevapura and KR Puram) has grown by only 44.4 percent in the last 10–15 years, while the Central Corporation (CBD area) is shown as having grown by 66.7 percent. This runs contrary to ground realities, as East Bengaluru has experienced the fastest population growth in the city. Such errors risk leaving rapidly growing areas underrepresented and strain governance even further.

Vishnu Reddy, BNP Zonal Leader for Mahadevapura, stated, "The population data for East Bengaluru is completely inaccurate. This is the fastest-growing region of the city, yet it has been shown as growing the slowest. If these numbers are not corrected, lakhs of residents in areas like Mahadevapura will continue to be underrepresented and neglected."

BNP has further alleged that the Government deliberately concealed the estimated 2023 population figures and the latest voter count in each ward as part of this exercise. "Without the population and voter data in the public domain, citizens cannot meaningfully scrutinise or raise objections," said Poongothai Paramasivam, BNP Zonal Leader for Gottigere.

The party has demanded that the Government re-examine the delimitation process, increase the number of wards to 500 across the five Corporations, publish population and voter data for transparency, and ensure a fair population split, particularly in East Bengaluru, for the exercise to be meaningful. -BMB

Rare case of foetus-like mass inside newborn in Hubballi

Hubballi witnessed a medical rarity when doctors at Karnataka Medical College and Research Institute (KMCRI) discovered a foetus-like mass inside a newborn baby. A woman from Kundagol, admitted for her second delivery, gave birth to a healthy male child on September 3. However, post-delivery scans revealed that the infant carried another underdeveloped baby-like structure within its abdomen. MRI confirmed the presence of vertebral elements resembling a spine, leading doctors to prepare for a surgical procedure once all tests are complete and with parental consent.

Medical superintendent Dr Eshwar Hasabi said the condition is an extremely rare anomaly where abnormal tissue masses resembling fetal parts — such as vertebrae, limbs, or primitive organs — develop inside a newborn. Globally, such "fetus-in-fetu" cases are estimated to occur in only one out of 50,000 to 200,000 births, making them exceedingly uncommon. While medical technology has advanced, the fact that this abnormality went undetected until after delivery has posed a new challenge to the medical fraternity. -BMB

'Irrelevant': Roopa's plea seeking call records rejected

The Karnataka High Court has dismissed a petition filed by IPS officer D Roopa seeking the call detail records (CDR) of IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri, terming the request irrelevant and unnecessary.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum observed that Roopa's plea was merely a tactic to delay proceedings in the ongoing defamation case filed by Sindhuri, who accused Roopa of making objectionable social media posts, including linking her to another IAS officer's death and publicly sharing her photos.

The court upheld the magistrate's earlier order rejecting the CDR request, stressing it had no bearing on defamation proceedings. Roopa's counsel argued that Sindhuri had admitted to being in contact with Roopa's husband, Munish Moudgil, and phone records were key to establishing the truth. Sindhuri's counsel countered that the law does not permit such directions, calling Roopa's plea an attempt to drag out the trial. -BMB

Govt readies to hold gram, zilla, taluk panchayat polls

After years of delay and functioning without elected representatives, Karnataka's local bodies are finally set for polls, with the government preparing to hold gram panchayat elections by December-end or January, followed by zilla and taluk panchayat polls in April. Political parties are already in campaign mode, anticipating what many describe as a "festival of local democracy."

With 185 urban local bodies, 3,671 gram panchayats, and 1,130 zilla panchayat constituencies awaiting elections, the stage is set for a massive grassroots political exercise.

The Congress-led government, under pressure to uphold constitutional responsibility, has signaled intent to avoid further postponement, aware that skipping polls in 2026 would draw criticism for undermining decentralisation. The State Election Commission has clarified that polls can be conducted using either EVMs or ballots, with the government leaning towards ballots this time.

With nearly five years of grassroots governance stalled, the upcoming polls are viewed both as a democratic obligation and a testing ground for parties ahead of larger battles. -BMB

MM Hills tiger death: Autopsy hints at poisoning

The post-mortem report of the tiger carcass found in the Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) wildlife division on Thursday indicates poisoning. Confirmation will come after further investigation by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) on Saturday.

The 12-year-old tiger had killed and eaten a deer, and weak canine teeth were noted. No bullet wounds were found. Sources said the carcass found in the Hannur division was dismembered, with the head and limbs pulled apart. However, the Forest Minister's office clarified that no organs are missing, dismissing poaching speculations.

The suspect, reportedly responsible for killing the tiger, is currently in hiding. Measures are underway for his arrest. Forest Minister Khandre has instructed KFD officials to review all poaching cases from the last three years, examine previous reports, strengthen preventive measures, and submit a detailed report within eight days. -BMB

VIBE CHECK *Where we check in on what is rad in Bengaluru*

Gen Z champions thrift, composting, plastic-free living

From composting food waste to thrifting clothes, Gen Z is taking simple yet impactful steps to protect the environment and inspire change

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Gen Z is proving to be one of the most eco-conscious generations. For many of them, sustainability is not just a choice but a way of life. From cutting down on single-use plastics to promoting thrift shopping and waste segregation, young people are finding simple but effective ways to care for the planet.

According to a recent report by WeNaturalists, a global platform for nature professionals and enthusiasts with over 500,000 members, Gen Z creators (ages 13–27) were responsible for 89% of all eco-content shared in 2024. The platform also recorded a 34% rise in nature-related posts compared to 2023. Maharashtra, Delhi-NCR, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Kerala were among the top regions where these conversations are becoming more local and action-driven.

Take the example of PerinAnn Katrak, 28, a resident of Domlur, Bengaluru. She has completely moved away from single-use plastics and carries her own cloth bag and water bottle everywhere. In 2018, she switched to menstrual cups and even hosted Instagram live sessions to educate others about the benefits. She also avoids fast fashion after becoming aware of its impact in 2019. Instead, she borrows clothes, and gives second-hand gifts or experiences instead of buying new products.

"If I eat out and notice there is no proper waste segregation, I bring back the dry waste and dispose of it correctly at home. I even compost food waste and collect paper bags to send to local vendors for reuse," she says.

For Gagan Sharma, 21, a second-year MBA student from Ramnagar, small daily changes make a big difference. He never uses plastic bottles, carries his own steel bottle, and has been composting his kitchen waste for over five years. He prefers thrifting and reusing clothes instead of buying new ones. "I borrow loose shirts and pants from my uncle or brother-in-law because vintage looks are in trend. I also style the same T-shirt in many different ways, and people don't even realise it's the same one," he explains.

Another inspiring story comes from a 22-year-old former student of BMS College of Engineering in Bengaluru, who worked to make his college fest more sustainable. With nearly 1,500 volunteers, he helped bring in steel plates and cups from Adhamya Chetana's community plate bank, an initiative run by Dr Tejaswini Ananth Kumar. This reduced the use of disposables at the event and set an example for future batches. The effort extended to the college mess as well, where single-use disposables were replaced, and strict waste segregation was enforced during fests and events.

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STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

WILD STILLNESS

In the stillness of the forest, a spotted deer at BRT Tiger Reserve pauses — its gaze locked with the lens, calm and quietly alert. A moment later, it turns away, vanishing into the trees as silently as it appeared.

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GBA Chief tightens deadlines on city projects

GBA Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao reviewed various ongoing projects across city

Greater Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner, Maheshwar Rao, has directed officials to complete the ongoing Geddalahalli Railway Vent project near Sai Layout by December 2025. During his inspection across various locations in the KR Puram limits, Rao highlighted that the railway vent in Geddalahalli is too narrow, preventing smooth flow of stormwater and causing recurrent flooding in nearby areas.

The project, aimed at addressing flooding concerns around Sai Layout, is being executed at a cost of Rs 13.36 crore. It involves casting two box structures, each measuring 6 metres in width and 4.5 metres in height, to be installed under the railway track. Rao instructed officials to expedite box pushing once casting is completed to ensure the project is concluded within the stipulated timeline.

'Accelerate work on Hennur–Bagalur Road'

The Chief Commissioner also reviewed the 5 km white-topping work on Hennur–Bagalur Road, noting that 1 km has already been completed. He directed officials to manage the remaining stretch in a manner that does not disrupt vehicular movement. Emphasising cleanliness and dust-free roads, Rao instructed B-SMILE authorities to accelerate the pace of work and ensure both sides of the road are maintained properly throughout the project.

Widening of Blessing Garden Road

Under the Bengaluru East City Corporation, the Blessing Garden Road is being widened from 8–9 metres to 24 metres. Of the 1 km stretch, 500 metres has already been completed. Rao instructed officials to prioritise the completion of the remaining 500 metres to expedite the project and improve traffic flow in the area.

Inspection of Suraksha 75 projects

The Commissioner visited the newly constructed Horamavu Junction, developed under the Suraksha 75 initiative. He stressed that the progress of all Suraksha 75 projects would be closely reviewed and discussed with all city corporation offices to ensure timely execution and accountability.

Elimination of black spots

Rao also observed garbage dumping 'black spots' in Sai Layout and instructed Solid Waste Management authorities to clear them immediately. He further directed proper maintenance of CCTV cameras installed at these locations to prevent recurrence of illegal dumping, underscoring the need for sustained monitoring.

Beautification works in Banaswadi

During the inspection, Rao reviewed ongoing beautification works on 8th Main Road in Banaswadi, which are being handled by Bengaluru North City Corporation. He urged officials to complete the works at the earliest to enhance the area's aesthetic appeal. — **BMB**

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Scientists have uncovered new types of organics in icy geysers spouting from Saturn's moon Enceladus, bolstering the likelihood that the ocean world may harbor conditions suitable for life. Their findings, reported Wednesday, are based on observations made by NASA's Cassini spacecraft in 2008 during a close and fast flyby of Enceladus. The small moon, one of 274 orbiting Saturn, has long been considered a prime candidate in the search for life beyond Earth because of its hidden ocean and plumes of water erupting from cracks near its south pole. While Enceladus may be habitable, no one is suggesting that life exists. "Being habitable and being inhabited are two very different things. We believe that Enceladus is habitable, but we do not know if life is indeed present," said the University of Washington's Fabian Klenner, who took part in the study. The European Space Agency is in the early planning stages of a mission to land on Enceladus decades from now. China also has proposed a landing mission. NASA has a spacecraft en route to another enticing target to hunt for the ingredients of life: Jupiter's moon Europa. The Europa Clipper is expected to begin orbiting Jupiter in 2030 with dozens of Europa flybys. ESA also has a spacecraft, Juice, that's headed to Jupiter to explore Europa and two other icy moons that could hold buried oceans. — AP

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Is it true the interstellar comet is hurtling towards the Earth?

Claim: Rumors that a comet is heading toward Earth have caused a lot of panic on social media. Some people say it will have terrible effects, while others say it could be an alien spacecraft.
Fact: Misleading. Space agencies confirm the interstellar object poses no danger to Earth.

NASA's ATLAS telescope found the comet, which is called 3I/ATLAS, earlier this year. This led to conspiracy theories online. Even though there was a lot of worry, NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) have both said that the interstellar visitor is not a threat to Earth. Instead, scientists say the comet gives them a rare chance to study things that come from outside our solar system.

When did the rumors about the comet start?

The online frenzy started after the New York Post published a story on September 29 with the headline: "'Massive' comet hurtling toward us is larger than previously thought, could be alien tech, scientist says: 'It could change everything for us.'"

Users quickly shared screenshots across X. One user, under the name Steven Greenstreet, wrote, "Scientists say a massive alien spaceship is hurtling towards Earth. Why aren't more people talking about this?"

Another account called Dr Disclosure reposted the story, adding, "This is why all the generals are gathering!" — a reference to a September 30 meeting of U.S. military leaders chaired by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. That post alone racked up more than half a million views.

Adding to the hysteria, another user named Richard Roeper claimed, "A massive comet is reportedly hurtling toward Earth at 130,000 mph! Can we stop it? I'm told there are two missions in the works – one involving the specially selected 'Messiah Crew,' and one utilizing two squads, known as the Freedom Team and the Independence Team. We got this," as per a report by Al Jazeera.

What do scientists really know about 3I/ATLAS?

NASA confirmed that its ATLAS telescope in Chile saw the comet, which is officially called 3I/ATLAS, on July 1, 2025. The comet is moving at almost 210,000 km/h (130,500 mph), which is the fastest speed ever recorded for an object in space. It has "a teardrop-shaped cocoon of dust coming off its solid, icy nucleus."

NASA pointed out that the closest it got to Earth was on July 21, when it was about 270 million kilometers (167.8 million miles) away—more than 700 times the distance from Earth to the Moon, as per a report by Al Jazeera. The ESA also said that the comet poses no threat because its path never came close to Earth or any other planet. Instead, scientists pointed out that the comet's strange path, which doesn't follow a closed orbit around the Sun, makes it an interstellar visitor, the third of its kind ever seen. 3I/ATLAS is not a doomsday threat; it is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for science.

— Economic Times

Farmland projects attract new wave of urban investors

Agriculture blends with leisure in new-generation developments

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Premium farmland projects offering luxury amenities alongside sustainable living are fast becoming a popular investment option for urban residents. Seeking a retreat from congested city life, many are turning to farmlands in Chikkamagaluru, Ramanagara, and Kanakapura. These fertile tracts are seen not merely as weekend getaways but also as future high-value assets with the potential to generate substantial income.

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Weekend Retreats and Income Opportunities

A realtor said, "Farmland is increasingly being preferred over traditional plots and houses, as it offers both peace of mind and profit. City buyers are investing in fertile land where they cultivate sandalwood, fruit, vegetables, spices, and coffee—ensuring returns while enjoying the calm of green spaces. Some premium projects even come with resort-style facilities and opportunities for commercial crops, making them attractive for those who want a weekend home today and a multi-crore income prospect tomorrow."

Rising Demand in Ramanagara and Kanakapura

Farmland stretching from Ramanagara to Magadi Main Road has seen a surge in demand, with nearly 50 per cent of projects sold out in record time. Located just 45 minutes from Bengaluru and 8 minutes from Mysuru Road, these projects offer both agricultural experiences and resort-style amenities. Kanakapura too has witnessed growing demand for premium developments. Developers are also promoting farmland with resort access in Sakleshpur, where cool weather and coffee and pepper plantations have made the region highly sought-after. "Already 100 acres have been completed there, just three hours from Bengaluru," said a realtor.

"We are developing farmland with resort access in Ramanagara, Kanakapura Road, and Sakleshpur. Buyers not only gain land ownership but also farming experiences and modern resort facilities. We provide managed plots with full development and maintenance," a realtor said, adding that RERA-approved layouts are also available on Mysuru Road, Kanakapura Road, Nandi Hills, and Gauribidanur.

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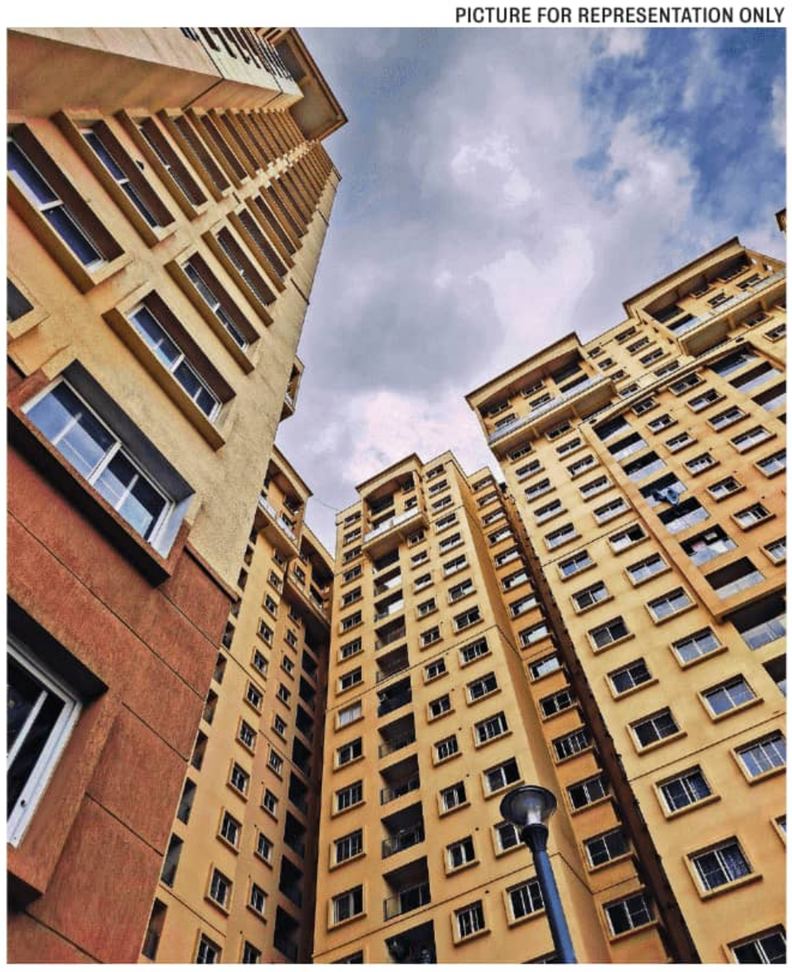

Bengaluru's real estate market has once again emerged as one of the most rewarding for both investors and homeowners, with two of its micro-markets—Sarjapur Road and Thanisandra Main Road—delivering some of the highest capital and rental growth in the country between the end of 2021 and Q2 2025, according to new ANAROCK Research data.

Sarjapur Road, a key part of the city's eastern IT corridor, recorded a 79% jump in property prices over the period, while average monthly rents for a standard 2BHK rose a staggering 81%, reaching ₹38,000. This surge has been fuelled by the upcoming Red Line Namma Metro linking Hebbal to Sarjapur, continued IT expansion, and limited land availability in the area.

Thanisandra Main Road, in North Bengaluru, matched Sarjapur's capital gains with an 81% rise in prices, while rents grew 65% to ₹33,800 per month. Proximity to Manyata Tech Park, improving road connectivity, and steady demand from IT professionals have kept the market buoyant.

Connectivity drives growth

The ANAROCK report highlights that across 14 high-performing micro-markets in major cities, those with strong infrastructure pipelines—metro projects, expressways, or proximity to airports—consistently outperformed the rest.

Nationwide, Noida's Sector-150 topped the charts with 139% capital appreciation and 71% rental growth, driven by large township developments and greenfield planning. Bengaluru's IT hubs, however, led in rental growth, with Sarjapur Road's 81% jump the highest in the country.

National outlook

Anuj Puri, Chairman of ANAROCK Group, said the real estate boom that began post-pandemic was driven by pent-up demand, low interest rates, and a renewed focus on homeownership. While price growth has moderated since 2023, infrastructure-led markets such as Bengaluru continue to defy the cooling trend. "Looking ahead to 2026, we expect housing prices to grow by 6–7% annually, with rents rising 7–10%—both outpacing inflation," Puri said. "Micro-markets tied to major infrastructure completions, especially Bengaluru's metro corridors, are best placed to sustain above-average gains."

With the city's IT sector showing no signs of slowing and multiple metro lines nearing completion, Bengaluru's prime growth pockets look set to remain a magnet for both investors and end-users in the years ahead.

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Karnataka IT Minister calls Andhra counterpart's bid to woo Bengaluru firms 'desperate scavenging'

Karnataka IT Minister Priyank Kharge lashed out at his Andhra Pradesh counterpart Nara Lokesh for trying to woo Bengaluru-based startups frustrated over infrastructure woes, into the Telugu state, labelling the move "desperate scavenging" and "parasitic behaviour".

In an online slugfest on microblogging site X, the IT Ministers of both the states traded barbs, especially over Lokesh's overtures to companies, beginning with BlackBuck, a logistics startup.

When Rajesh Yabaji from BlackBuck had tweeted recently that it was getting 'very very hard to continue' operating from Bellandur in Bengaluru, Lokesh swooped in to lure him to relocate to the port city of Vizag.

"Hi Rajesh, can I interest you in relocating your company to Vizag? We are rated among top 5 cleanest cities in India, are building best-in class infra, and have been rated the safest city for women. Please send me a DM," said Lokesh in a post on X. On September 23, Lokesh reiterated his Vizag offer to BlackBuck and proceeded to extend another invitation to the logistics startup to the Andhra Pradesh - Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) partnership summit in November.

Again, on October 2, Lokesh responded to a journalist's post on X that Bengaluru's 'crumbling' outer ring road was pushing several startups and firms to Whitefield.

He replied, "North sounds good. Slightly more north is Anantapur.. where we are building a world class aerospace and defence ecosystem."

However, Kharge hit back, saying, "It is natural for weaker ecosystems to feed off stronger ones. Nothing wrong with that, but when it turns into desperate scavenging, it shows more weakness than strength."

Showcasing Bengaluru's might as a tech city and investment magnet, he went on to say that the city's 'GDP' is projected to grow at 8.5 percent until 2035, its property market by five percent in 2025 and noted that the city is set to outpace global counterparts in terms of urbanisation, economic growth, and innovation by 2033 as per Savills Growth Hubs Index.

Peppering several other statistics, the IT Minister asked "what is an organism that lives in or on an organism of another species and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense called?". Lokesh said "arrogance, like potholes on roads, should be fixed first before the journey gets tripped up!". As India's youngest state, Andhra Pradesh is looking for every opportunity to grow and generate jobs, said Lokesh.

Noting that competition is welcome and that Bengaluru thrives on it, Kharge, said, "It is the duty of every government to acknowledge problems and provide solutions..."

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We miss you every moments of our lives. Your memories are immortal and missed beyond measures.
Fondly remembered by- Family members.

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Bankruptcy, indebtedness also claimed 210 lives

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highest number of suicides from these causes across all 53 major cities in India.

The NCRB report shows that the IT city has recorded an increase of 2.5% in suicide cases in 2023 when compared with 2022 data. As many as 2,370 suicides were reported in 2023, against 2,313 cases in 2022.

Out of these, as many as 1,005 suicides were related to family problems, and 748 were due to illness or prolonged illness.

City-based mental healthcare professionals opine that family problems lead to a large number of suicides as Indian society remains interconnected despite the rise of nuclear families. Family problems include issues such as dowry, extramarital affairs, infertility, and various forms of domestic violence (physical, emotional, financial, sexual).

"Along with family issues, gender expectations, and the clash between tradition and modernity, add to stress, especially in a city like Bengaluru, where support systems may be limited. Moreover, mental health problems are under-recognised and undertreated in India due to stigma and a lack of professionals, leading to high suicide cases due to these issues," said Dr. Vijay C, a psycho-oncologist at Aster Whitefield.

Substance use disorders and chronic physical illnesses like cancer or kidney disease add financial and emotional burdens, sometimes leading to feelings of hopelessness and suicide risk.

Experts underline the need for multi-tiered interventions, from primary to tertiary care, capacity building, and gatekeeper training for a wide range of community stakeholders such as healthcare workers, teachers, police, and community leadersTargeted interventions for vulnerable groups, especially young adults, are also recommended.

Bankruptcy and indebtedness also led to 210 Bengalureans killing themselves, the highest number of suicides due to this reason across all major cities in India.

The city also recorded 66 suicides due to failure in examination, the highest number after Mumbai.

Last but not least, 164 suicide cases due to love affairs were also reported from the city.

Other causes of suicides included professional/career problems, sense of isolation, abuse, violence, mental disorders, addiction to alcohol, financial loss, death of loved ones, etc.

While Bengaluru is witnessing a surge in cases, Karnataka's percentage share in suicides across the country has gone down.

In 2022, as many as 13,606 suicide cases were reported from the state; this number went down to 13,330 in 2023.

India scenario

A total of 1,71,418 suicides were reported in the country during 2023, showing an increase of 0.3% in comparison to 2022, and the rate of suicides decreased by 0.8% during 2023 over 2022.

The majority of suicides were reported in Maharashtra (22,687), followed by 19,483 suicides in Tamil Nadu, 15,662 suicides in Madhya Pradesh, 13,330 suicides in Karnataka, and 12,819 suicides in West Bengal. These 5 States together accounted for 49.0% of the total suicides reported in the country.

(If you or someone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts, reach out for help. Dial 104 to get in touch with Arogya Sahayavani)

Critical gaps depriving city's elderly of right to healthcare

Study reveals lack of medicines, early closures, corruption, poor planning at govt run health facilities

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Survey finds while larger hospitals had improved in terms of cleanliness and infrastructure, they remained inaccessible for elderly

A recent study conducted by AIKYATA (Akhila Karnataka Vayovruddara Okkuta) has brought to light critical gaps in the healthcare system for senior citizens in Bengaluru. Despite multiple government schemes promising free and accessible healthcare, the reality for elderly citizens, particularly those from the informal sector, remains bleak. The report reveals that issues such as lack of medicines, early closure of hospitals, corruption in certificate issuance, and poor planning of clinics continue to deprive the elderly of their right to dignified healthcare.

The survey, which covered 13 government health facilities including general hospitals, primary health centres and Namma Clinics, found that while larger hospitals had improved in terms of cleanliness and infrastructure, they remained inaccessible for many elderly patients. Long walks from hospital gates, poorly designed ramps, and limited availability of wheelchairs were among the physical barriers reported. In smaller clinics, accessibility was even worse, with one facility described as having a ramp so steep it was "useless for patients and more like a slide for children".

One of the most pressing issues highlighted was the irregular supply of medicines. Government pharmacies were unable to meet patient demand, and in Namma Clinics, medicines for common conditions such as diabetes and hypertension were given only for 10 to 15 days each month. This forced many seniors to either skip essential medication or purchase it from private pharmacies, further burdening families already living on meagre pensions. The study observed that the presence of private chemists around government hospitals raised suspicions of collusion, as these outlets often profited from shortages in state-run pharmacies.

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Digital question

The push for digital registration through QR codes has also created new challenges. While intended to reduce queues, the system left many elderly patients struggling with smartphones, OTP delays, and long waiting times. Instead of streamlining access, the digital shift often resulted in hours of delay, causing frustration among those least equipped to deal with the technology.

Timings of government hospitals emerged as another major hurdle. With most outpatient departments shutting by 4.30 pm, elderly patients who depend on working family members for support often had no choice but to turn to private clinics in the evenings. Several patients interviewed in the study said they were unable to visit hospitals during the day as it meant their family members had to lose a day's wages. Evening consultations, they said, could ease their dependence on costly private services.

Corruption concerns

The report also revealed troubling accounts of corruption, particularly in the issuing of age and disability certificates, which are necessary to access government pensions. Patients reported being asked for bribes ranging from Rs 250 to Rs 1,500, even when they presented Below Poverty Line cards. This was described as deeply ironic, given that the pension itself amounts to only Rs 1,200 per month.

Concerns were also raised over the Karnataka government's recent decision to outsource hospital food services in Bengaluru to the Akshaya Patra Foundation. The report criticised the Foundation's dietary restrictions, which exclude onion, garlic, eggs and meat, arguing that such practices deny patients, especially seniors, access to nutritionally vital foods.

AIKYATA's report made a strong case for systemic reform. It called for evening OPDs to ease patient access, reliable and transparent drug supply in public hospitals, and specialised geriatric services such as physiotherapy, dementia care and nutritional support. It also urged the government to ensure regular payment of salaries to health workers, provide home-based care for immobile seniors, and strengthen referral systems so that patients are not left stranded between facilities.

With India's elderly population projected to touch 20 percent by 2050, the study emphasised the urgency of action. In Bengaluru, where healthcare inequities are already stark, senior citizens from informal sector backgrounds remain the most vulnerable.

INBRIEF

Gang attacks family during temple visit over property dispute

A family was attacked by a gang of around 10 people as they were getting into their car after visiting the Kaveeramma temple in Bendiganahalli on Thursday, around 8 pm. According to the complaint, as the family was leaving the temple, the accused, Narayana Swamy, and others allegedly stopped their car, smashed its bumper, and hurled abuses. Soon after, others identified as Srinivas, Chandan, Gagan, Ganadi, and Sneha reportedly attacked the family with weapons. One of the family members, Srinivas, sustained serious head injuries and fell on the spot before being rushed to a private hospital. Other family members Manjula, Gagan, and Ganavi also suffered injuries on their heads, legs, and back.
Police have identified three primary accused as Narayana Swamy, Chandru, and Kiran. Reports indicate that the attack stemmed from a long-standing property dispute between Chandru and Srinivas over a compound wall, dating back 3–4 years. Both parties had previously filed complaints, and a related property case is currently pending in court.
A formal complaint has been lodged at Avalahalli police station, and authorities have launched an investigation into the incident. –BMB

CBI raids builders in multi-city housing fraud probe

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered FIRs against three Bengaluru-based developers for allegedly defrauding hundreds of homebuyers. Acting on Supreme Court directives, CBI teams raided the offices and residences of the accused in Bengaluru, while similar cases have also been booked against builders in Mumbai and Kolkata. The apex court, which took serious note of large-scale frauds involving the subvention scheme under the RERA Act, had ordered CBI to investigate systematic collusion between builders and financial institutions.
Under the scheme, buyers were required to pay only 10–20% upfront, with the balance covered through housing loans, while builders bore the interest until project completion. However, many builders stopped paying midway, leaving homebuyers to face loan burdens and coercive recovery actions from financiers despite project delays. The CBI, which had earlier filed 22 such cases in Delhi-NCR, has now expanded its probe beyond the capital. The FIRs mark a widening crackdown, with the Supreme Court continuing to monitor the investigation closely. –BMB

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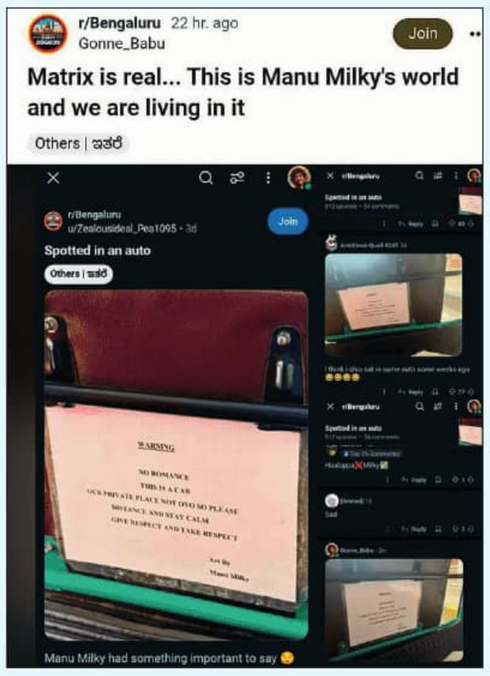
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MAINTAIN DISTANCE AND STAY CALM
GIVE RESPECT AND TAKE RESPECT
Manu Milky had something important to say

Wow, this is a strict space. This Reddit user has found an auto where the rules apply. They captioned this photo: Matrix is real... Welcome to Manu Milky's Bengaluru, where even cab rides come with 'Warning: No Romance'. Post on reddit by r/Bengaluru Gonne_Babu

WHAT'S TWEETING:

@Tris_n_Tonic caught Bengaluru's sky in a peculiar mood: The sky got no chill today #bangalore #hsr #Bengaluru

@Vishwachandra wants the authorities to fix the potholes sooner than later. This post of X reads: First fix potholes and garbage! If you can't solve these basics, you've failed Bengaluru. GBA will be nothing but a nightmare for Bengalureans.

#Bengaluru #GBA #patholes #Garbagessue #GreaterBengaluruAuthority @BCCCofficial @GBAChiefComm @siddaramaiah @DKShivakumar

BANGALORE MIRROR MENTIONED

@JIMMY211711 has posted a BM story and sends us love, which we are more than happy to receive! The post: Love you.... Bangalore mirror...

HEALTH TIP: Soda can dehydrate you; switching to green tea or herbal tea will give you a gentler lift to your body and mind

Dark chocolate contains antioxidants and magnesium, which can actually help support brain and nerve health

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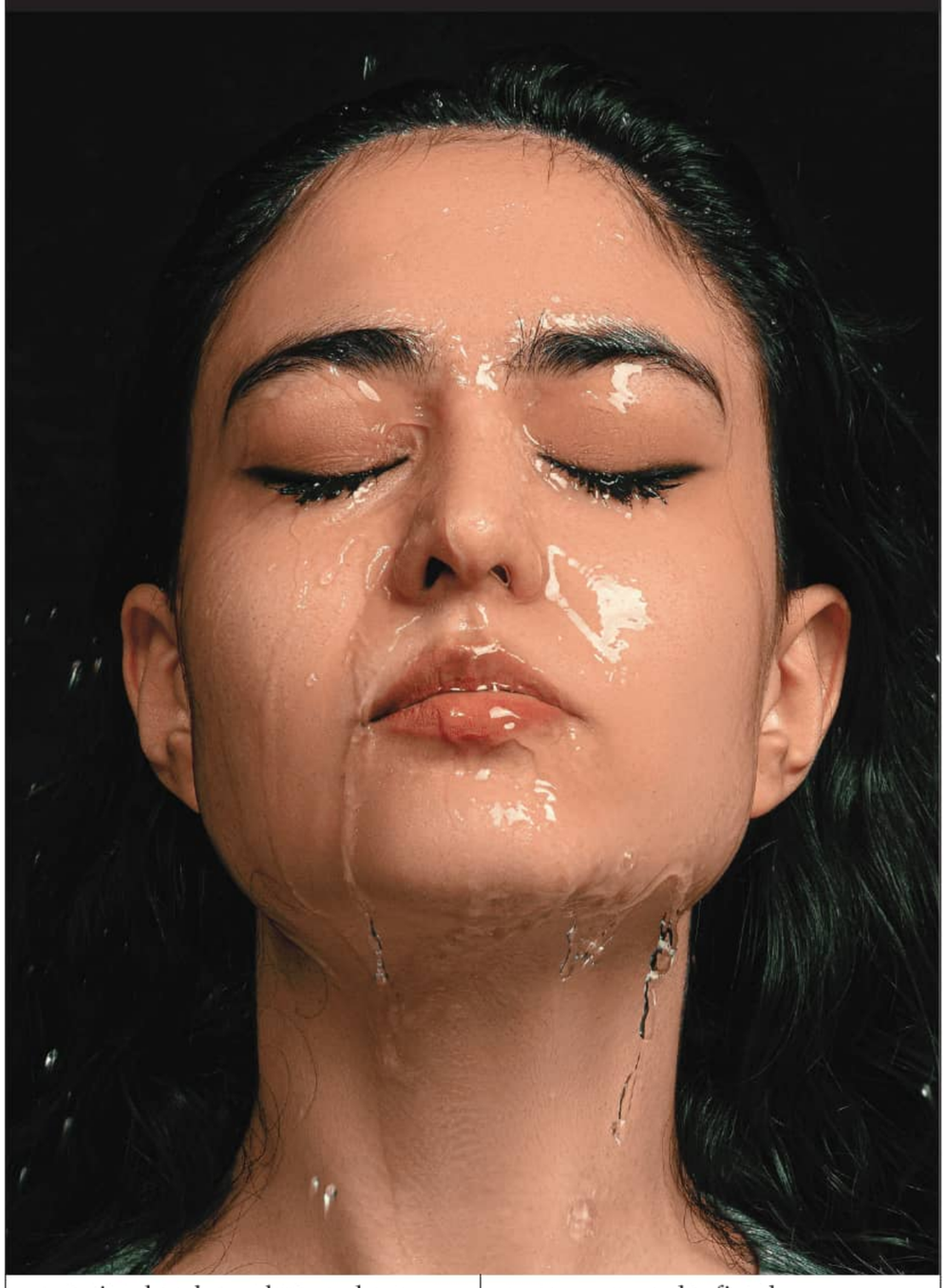
GLASS ACT

Quick routine for busy women to get naturally glass skin



If you are someone who is busy and doesn't get enough time to do your skincare, and taking out time for skincare is limited, yet sometimes it gets impossible. To achieve naturally radiant skin, it doesn't have to take hours. It's about consistency and gentle care; use the right product in a time-efficient way.

This guide will show a 5-step routine designed for busy women who want their skin to feel refreshed and radiant without spending much time every day.

1 Double Cleanse

First of all, every skincare routine starts with cleansing, and at this point, all you can do is double cleanse your face for radiant skin glow. Start with an oil-based cleanser, and massage it gently over your dry skin in circular motions. This step will melt away makeup, sunscreen, and excess sebum without stripping your skin of its natural oils. Spend a minute by working your cleanser into your skin without rushing it. It not only cleans but also boosts circulation, giving you a subtle, healthy glow. After that, follow with a water-based cleanser to remove any remaining residue. This will make your skin clean and soft and get all the beneficial products in the next steps. The double cleanse is quick, preventing clogged pores and making your skin feel fresh and revitalized.

2 Exfoliate Gently

For a radiant skin glow, even after cleansing, layers of dead skin cells can make your complexion appear dull and uneven. Use a gentle chemical exfoliant like AHA or BHA; once or twice a week, it will help dissolve the dead skin cells without causing irritation to your skin. These ingredients will make natural cell turnover, revealing brighter, softer skin underneath. Over-exfoliating or using harsh scrubs can damage your skin's protective barrier, so stick to a light, consistent touch. By incorporating this step regularly, your skin will become more even and refined.

3 Toner

After cleansing, your skin might feel a little bit dry, so pour a few drops of essence or face toner on your palm or cotton pad and gently pat it into your face. Focus on the areas that feel dry and tight. Pat your skin instead of rubbing it; this will help the product to sink in while stimulating circulation and giving a gentle and soothing massage. This step will not only hydrate your skin but will also keep your skin from penetrating deeply and working effectively when any product is applied onto your skin.

4 Serum

Choose a serum based on hyaluronic acid for deep hydration and plumping, vitamin C for brightening and evening out skin tone, or niacinamide for smoothing texture and reducing redness or enlarged pores. Apply just 2–3 drops and gently press it into your skin with your fingertips, including your neck. Press it rather than rubbing it onto your skin; this will make the serum fully absorbed and able to work more effectively. This step gives your skin an instant glow. With consistent use over time, it will enhance your skin's texture and clarity, making it a key step for achieving a luminous, glass-like complexion.

5 Moisturizer and Sunscreen

One of the essential steps to lock in all your skincare is to moisturize and use sunscreen for sun protection. Moisturizer will keep your skin soft and hydrated, while SPF will protect your skin from harmful UV rays that can cause dullness, premature aging, and uneven skin tone. During the day, use a lightweight moisturizer combined with a broad-spectrum SPF 30+, and make sure to cover your face, neck, and any exposed areas. At night, switch to a slightly richer cream or a nourishing sleeping mask to help your skin repair itself while you rest.

—Roshila Khundom, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study projects 51L in India could be at risk of chikungunya every year in long-term

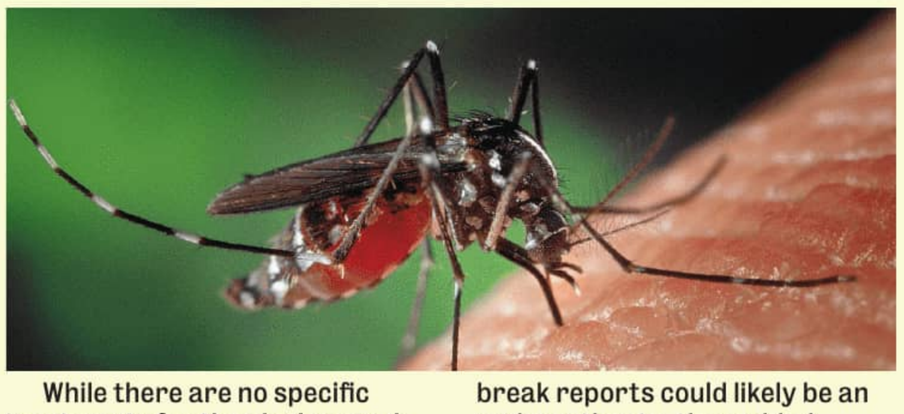
India could experience the biggest impacts of chikungunya in the long-term, potentially putting 51 lakh people at risk of the mosquito-borne infection every year, a global modelling study published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) Global Health suggests.

Brazil and Indonesia might be the second and third most affected, with impacts due to the disease in India and Brazil accounting for 48 per cent of the global impact on healthcare systems and individuals, the findings show.

The study, led by researchers at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, suggests chronic health impacts will be the biggest concern, with existing evidence suggesting around 50 per cent of the affected possibly grappling with a long-term disability.

Around the world, more than 1.40 crore people every year could be at risk of chikungunya infection in the long term, the study estimated. "The potential spread of vectors carrying viruses like chikungunya won't wait for us to carry out years of research, so it's been extremely important to us that the model we're working on is shared and used in real time to help public health professionals manage current cases and prepare for the future," said co-author Sushant Sahastrabuddhe, associate director general of innovation, initiatives, and enterprise development at the International Vaccine Institute, South Korea.

Chikungunya is a virus that spreads through bites of the 'Aedes aegypti' and 'Aedes albopictus' mosquitoes, more commonly known as yellow fever and tiger mosquitoes. Symptoms can include high fever and severe joint pain, and about 50 per cent of the patients are said to suffer from long-term joint pain and disability.

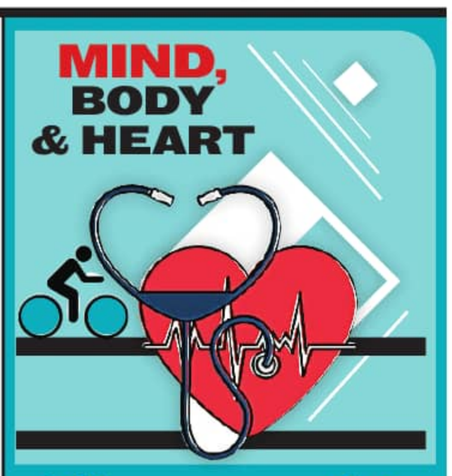


While there are no specific treatments for the viral mosquito-borne infection, two preventive vaccines have been approved for use in certain countries, including the US.

The study is the first of its kind to predict chikungunya burden by combining existing data on chikungunya infections with factors that may influence the likelihood of infections, the authors said.

Previous estimates that often looked at surveillance and outbreak reports could likely be an underestimate, they added.

Estimates presented in the study could be useful for prioritising regions and targeting vulnerable age groups -- children under 10, adults aged 80 and over -- for introducing chikungunya vaccine, the team said. They estimated "global chikungunya burden annually of 14.4 million (1.44 crore) infections" and "India and Brazil accounted for 48 per cent of the global burden". **—PTI**



All you need to know about...

Tips to cut bloating

Warm Water
Drinking warm water throughout the day can make your digestive system better. When you drink warm water, it will help relax the muscles in your digestive tract, which will allow trapped gas to pass more easily and reduce that uncomfortable bloated feeling.

Avoid Carbonated Drinks
Soda and fizzy drinks are some of the beverages that are filled with the most carbon dioxide; when you drink them, they will build up air in your stomach, leaving you feeling gassy. If you're prone to bloating, try swapping carbonated drinks for still water or warm herbal teas.

Salt Intake
Too much consumption of salt can also lead to bloating; excess sodium in your body will cause your body to hold onto water. And it will show up as puffiness in your stomach, face, and hands. It's mostly contained in processed foods like chips, soups, and instant noodles. Reduce your salt intake

Eat Slowly
When you eat fast, you're swallowing a lot of air along with your food, leading to gas and discomfort, so chew thoroughly and take a moment for each bite. Start by breaking down food more effectively before it even reaches your stomach.

Walk
Movement of the body is important, the best solution for bloating is moving your body. Going for a light walk after eating will give your body a chance to get going and have a healthy system.

Avoid Chewing Gum
When you chew gum, you end up swallowing small amounts of air, and over time, that trapped air builds up in your digestive system, leaving you feeling gassy and uncomfortable. If you're prone to bloating, swapping gum for alternatives like sucking on a mint.

—Femina

Kim, Kris file defamation case — Reality TV stars Kim Kardashian and her mother, Kris Jenner, have filed a defamation case against singer-songwriter Ray J after he suggested that the two were involved in an illegal criminal enterprise

GOOFY SELFIE DAY

Sobhita is quite self-effacing when it comes to her selfie skills

Actress Sobhita Dhulipala shared a lighthearted take on her selfie habits, joking that she often ends up looking at herself on the screen instead of the camera.

Taking to Instagram, she shared a couple of her candid photos. She admitted she often looks at herself on the screen instead of the camera, jokingly dubbing herself an "Indian uncle."

Sharing her goofy images, Sobhita wrote, "Always end up looking at myself on the screen instead of the camera when I click a selfie. If that makes me an Indian uncle, fine be it." The photo carousel captures Sobhita Dhulipala in a variety of moments - posing effortlessly at a restaurant, flaunting her freshly painted nails, working out, and sharing candid glimpses from her daily life.

On the professional front, the actress recently delivered impactful performances in acclaimed projects like "Made in Heaven" and made her Hollywood debut opposite Dev Patel in "Monkey Man."

In March, as her show "Made in Heaven" marked its sixth anniversary, Sobhita Dhulipala took to Instagram to reminisce. She revealed that, as an audience member, she would have been drawn to a character like Tara, making the experience of portraying her all the more empowering.

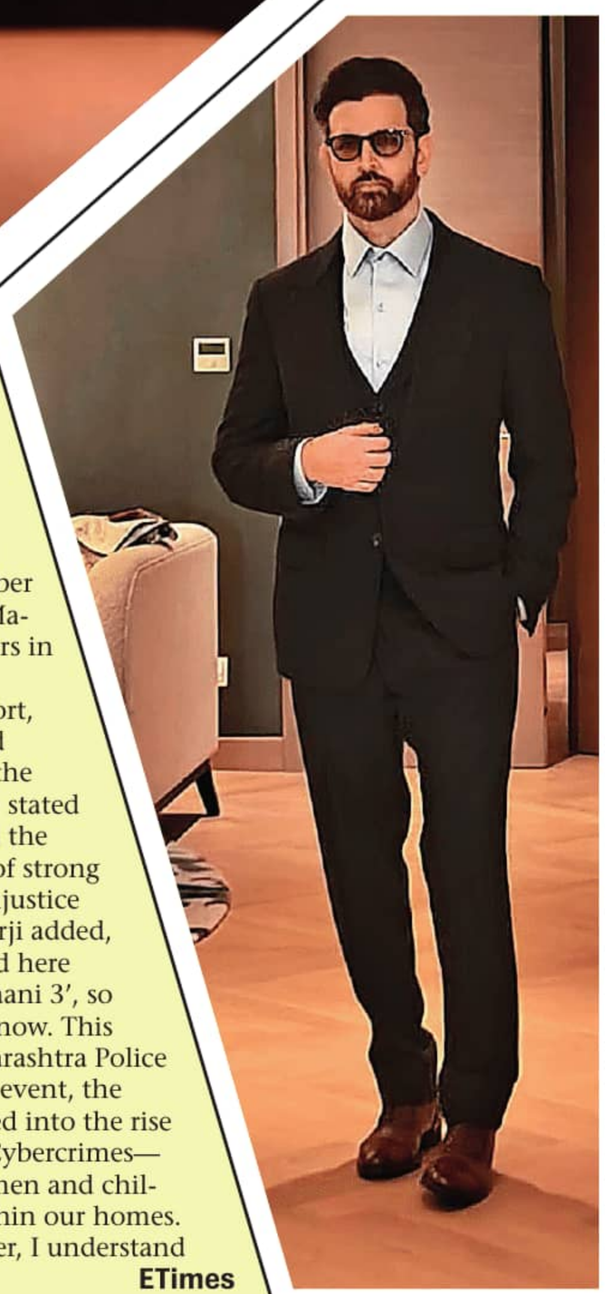
"Six years ago, I was just a young actor who had the opportunity to bring a character to life with so much depth and meaning. As an audience member, I would have been drawn to a role like Tara, so getting to play her was incredibly empowering," Sobhita said.

"Always end up looking at myself on screen instead of the camera when I click a selfie. If that makes me an Indian uncle..."

She added: "The love Tara received made her distinct, and with that came a unique space in storytelling. But it's a double-edged sword-when a character resonates deeply, similar roles follow. It's a delicate balance, a tightrope you walk with as much grace as possible."

— ETimes

A character he knows



Hrithik Roshan revealed that playing Kabir in "War 2" was so much fun as he knew the character well.

Hrithik penned on his Insta, "Hrithik Playing Kabir was so much fun. So relaxed , knew him so well. It was going to be easy. Finally a movie I could do like so many others do, keep it simple , play the actor, do your job and come home. (sic)"

Revealing that shooting with filmmaker Ayan Mukerji was extremely enjoyable, he added, "And it was exactly that. I was taken care of so well by my director Ayaan. It was such a pleasure to have his energy on set."

Hrithik shared that throughout the shoot, he got the feeling that "it was all very easy", but kept reminding himself that "a film doesn't need to be a torture".

"Everything seemed so perfect. Like it's meant to be.

A sure shot. No worries , just needed to do my job right. Which Ofcourse I did. But something was lurking behind that presumptuous certainty. A voice that I kept shutting out. This is too easy ... I know this too well. And another that said I deserve it , every film doesn't have to be a torture and trauma and an incessant search for the truth of the moment. Relax," the 'Dhoom 2' actor concluded, expressing his conundrum.

— IANS

Rani against cybercrime

Rani Mukerji recently opened up about the importance of cybersecurity, especially in the times of artificial intelligence, massive use of social media platforms, and more on the occasion of Cyber Awareness Month 2025 at Maharashtra Police Headquarters in Mumbai.

According to an ANI report, Rani shared she is "humbled and honored" to be part of the inauguration ceremony. She stated that, over the years, she had the privilege to play characters of strong women who fight against injustice and protect the weak. Mukerji added, "In fact, today, I have rushed here from the shooting of 'Mardaani 3', so it all feels very surreal right now. This initiative taken by the Maharashtra Police is applaudable." During the event, the 'Mardaani' actress also delved into the rise of cyber crimes. She said, "Cybercrimes—especially those against women and children—are silently rising within our homes. As a woman, and as a mother, I understand how crucial awareness is."

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SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Sweet success

The team of Kandeelu is excited about the movie bagging the best Kannada feature film award at 71st National Film Awards recently. A function was organised at SRV Theater to celebrate the success and the movie is expected to be released across the state shortly. The producer and director felicitated the cast and crew of the movie by presenting silver coins to each of them.

Director Yashoda Kottukattira said the cast and crew worked hard. "I remembered all those responsible for the success of the movie while receiving the award from President Droupadi Murmu. I practised for four hours on the previous day on how to receive the award from the President," Kottukattira said.

Thanking her husband Prakash Kariappa for his support, Kottukattira said that she is the third woman director from Karnataka to receive the National award. "Prema Karanth and Kavitha Lankesh are the other women directors who received National awards," she said.

3 songs out

Three songs of Varna Taranga were unveiled at Chamundeshwari Studios recently. B Shivakumar, a businessman from Belthangady, has bankrolled this movie under the Sri Pashanamurthy Cini Creations banner in association with Selvaraj. Theerthesh Korameru is the director for this movie. One of the three songs - Sukka Sukka - is sung by Chandan Shetty.

Tilak plays an Assistant Commissioner of Police while Jeevitha is paired opposite him. Sakshi Meghana plays a journalist in the movie that also features Hemanth, Ramesh Pandit, Bala Rajwadi, Tennis Krishna, Jayaram, Biradar, Bhagat, and Sundar Bhat.

Director Theerthesh Korameru said that he was basically a VFX technician and he used to make short films. "The meaning of Varna Taranga is waves of colours. The movie is about how a man leads a colourful life and how he becomes a negative person and takes revenge against his enemies. The movie is full of twists and suspense," the director said.

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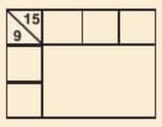
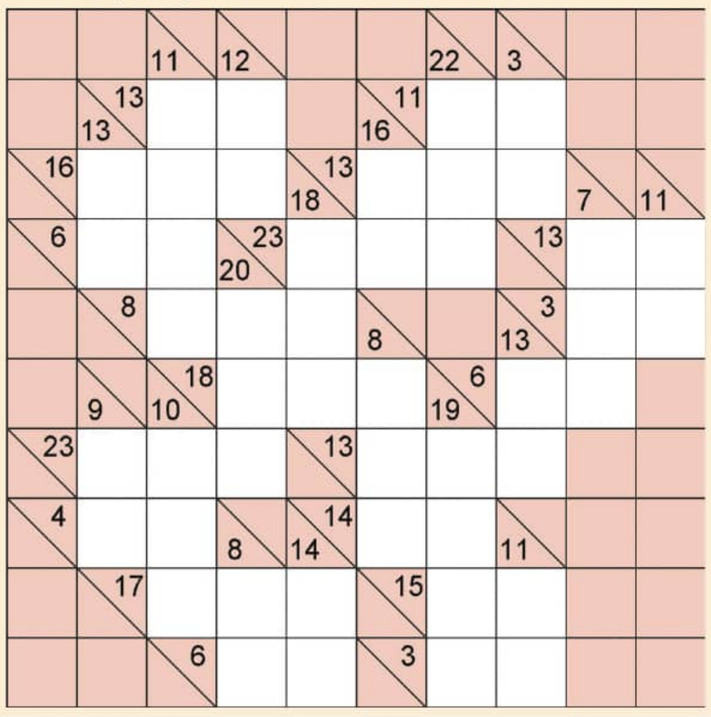
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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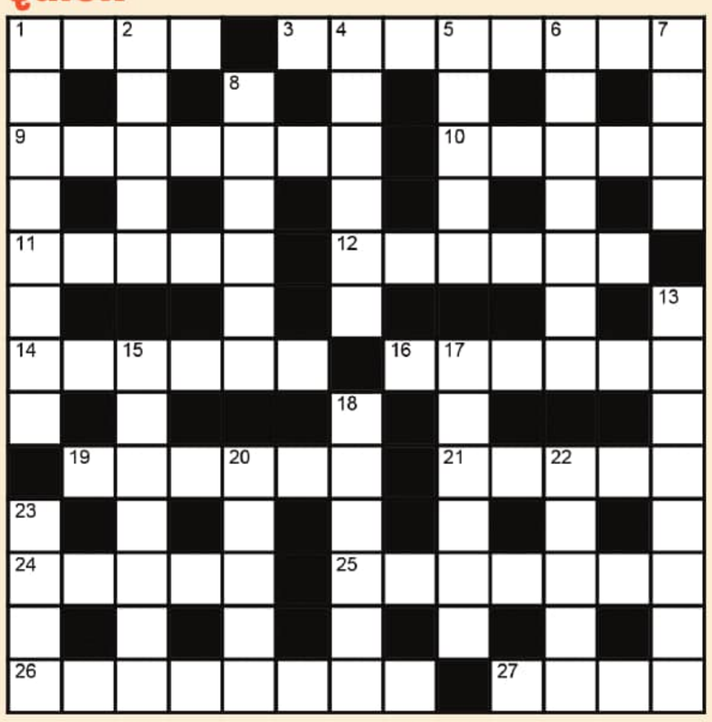


ACROSS

1 Tosses slowly (4)
3 Practical, viable or workable (8)
9 Authorisation to pay or even to capture (7)
10 Midday meal (5)
11 A code of moral conduct? (5)
12 Reach or gain (6)
14 Hole in the tooth (6)
16 Degrees or phases (6)
19 A mark of infamy or disgrace (6)
21 Legal get-out (5)
24 Slow-musically speaking (5)
25 Kneecap (7)
26 End (8)
27 To be (Latin) (4)

DOWN

1 Hollywood actress Jennifer ____ (8)
2 Creation or inception (5)
4 No balls and byes (6)
5 Sever (5)
6 Restraining or securing (7)
7 Reflected sound (4)
8 Lucky charm (6)
13 Make a guess (8)
15 Ex-soldier (7)
17 Karnataka's popular idli variant (6)
18 Caught breath, strained for air (6)
20 A beastly sign of unwillingness? (5)
22 Small islands (5)
23 Political alliance (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS U

UQD OCEEQG QZAE C PQQW LHGJQDG IACYEHEM BQSAGJHEM.

Linemaro

Do I stand a chance with you or should I speak to your friend?

Mindchow

A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government

Joke of the day

I came from a real tough neighbourhood; every time I shut the window I hurt somebody's fingers

Loop

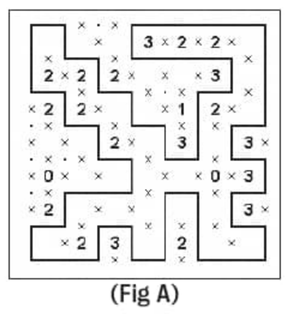
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

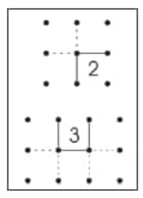
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



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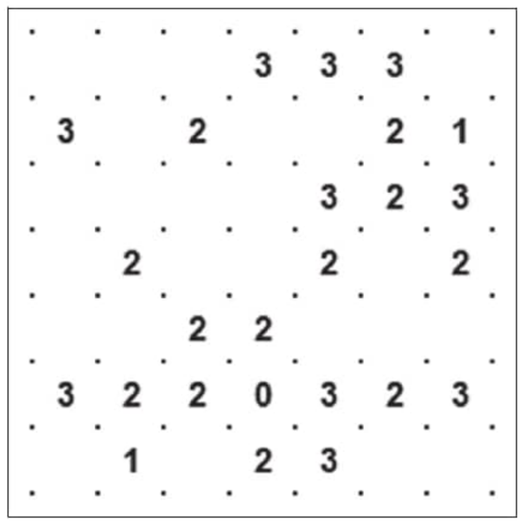
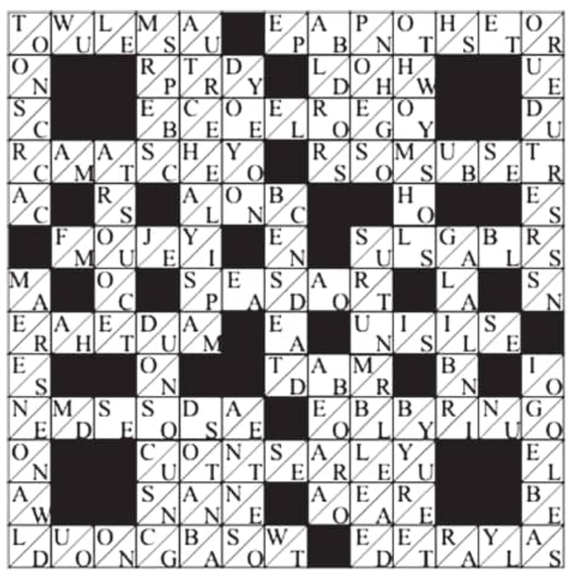


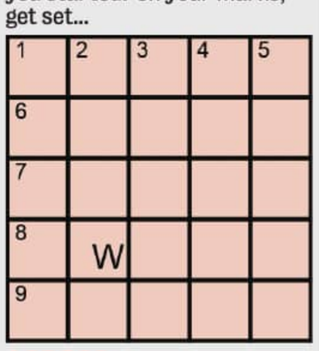
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

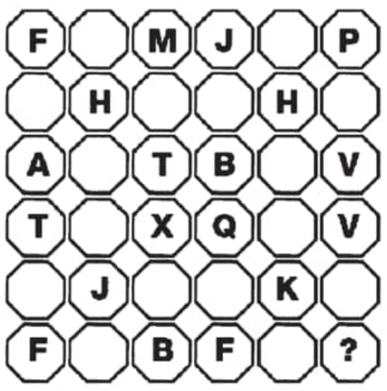
1 Hap as; 6 Aides; 7 Roils; 8 A weak; 9 UC nut

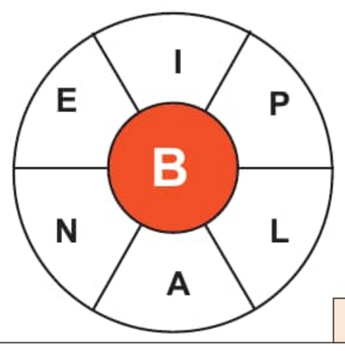
DOWN

1 Pauli; 2 Own ad; 3 Races; 4 Auk hi; 5 Sates

Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the puzzle?





Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

2	9		7		1		5	3
			4		2			
3								1
	3	8	1		5	9	2	
	7	1	2		8	3	6	
4								2
			6		4			
8	1		9		3		7	5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 27

4 7 7 9

Medium = 15

1 3 4 4

Hard = 7

1 3 5 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Man's arm is shorter. 2. Cabinet is wider. 3. Hat is different. 4. Front of apron is higher. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Apron bow is missing.

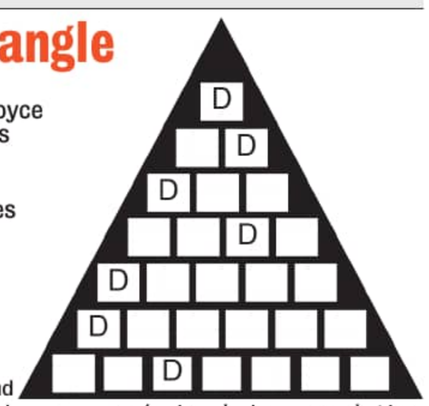
Riddler

The following are colloquialisms/idioms written in their literal form. Can you figure out the idioms?

1. In the general area, but failing to acquire the roll of tobacco.
2. Please pardon my accidental use of a romance language derived from Latin.
3. Direct your attention to the melodic tones currently occurring.

Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 English opener Joyce
3 Society page miss
4 Cots
5 Sums owed
6 First appearances
7 Financial plans



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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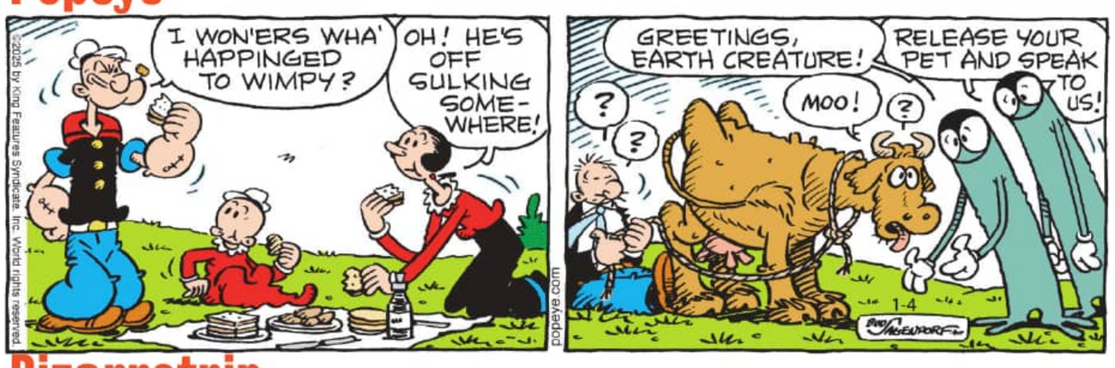
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OH! HE'S OFF SULKING SOME-WHERE!
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MOO!
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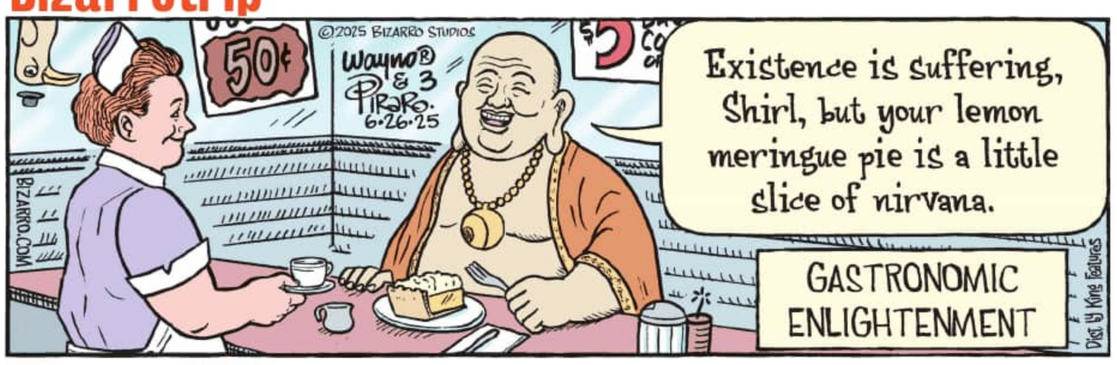
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IT'S ALREADY GETTING FOGGY!! DEEP BREATH. HERE I GO.
YOU GOT THIS, KAT. JUST WALK ACROSS THE BRIDGE.
ACTUALLY, YOU CAN RUN. I SHOULD RUN. I'M RUNNING!
STAY WITH ME
SPRINTING!! I'M SPRINTING ACROSS THE BRIDGE!!
STAY
STAY WITH MEEE
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Crankshaft

DAD JUST SENT US A PANORAMA SHOT OF HIM AND CHRIS WALKING IN WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK.
WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY GOT A LOT OF PANO...
BUT NOT MUCH RAMA!
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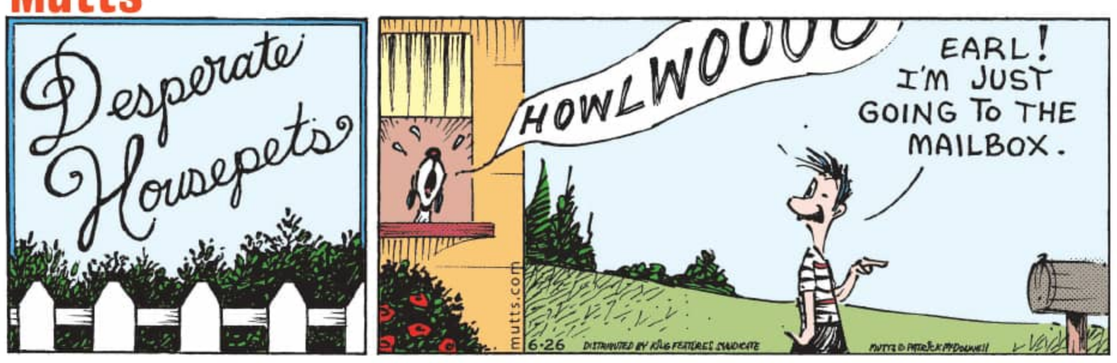
Mutts



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If it's your birthday today

Practicality merges with ambition this year. Career progress feels solid, with structured efforts paying off steadily. You'll attract mentors who value your diligence. Personal life strengthens when you balance work with warmth. Money matters improve through discipline, not shortcuts. Health benefits from grounding routines. Growth comes through patience

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Life's a symphony, nurture relationships, and invest tenderness into your garden. Expect the best by tending bonds with compassion. Your innate wisdom guides meaningful connection and growth.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Transmute pain into healing; choose ellness, laughter, and love. Your inner voice gently guides—stop, listen, and trust it. Share healing energy to release burdens and elevate your state with gentleness now.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Asking for help widens your heart, not shrinks it. Release clenched control and accept support. Practising acceptance empowers you and offers grounded footing to move forward with renewed ease now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

You've waited patiently; now trust the cosmic leap. Breathe, jump, and begin long-brewing projects despite doubt. Past patterns show success, don't let insecurity block the happiness you truly deserve, Taurus, now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Calm, deep focus anchors you; bring a slice of heaven into daily life by turning fear into courage. Embrace silence's power amid chaos and channel stillness into meaningful action and peace today now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Synchronicities speak, notice signs, numbers, and moments that point you forward. Angels assist; take bold moves knowing cosmic support surrounds you. Use these clues to act with clarity and courage today now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Divine energies support you—attempt bold moves today. Your mind's power makes the impossible possible. Channel higher frequencies into loving action.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Raise standards and act confidently. Seeing yourself as the cosmos does reveals immense power. Evolution demands adaptation; use your insight to lead and reshape life's unfolding with grace and strength now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Magic invites you to share gifts boldly. Live outside restrictive lines and explore possibilities. You're encouraged to remember that anything is possible—step into multiverse curiosity.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Step into overflow by strengthening boundaries and shedding estranged narratives. Reconnect through nature, small rituals, and compassionate attention to inner child work as you expand.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Frustration comes from forcing what should flow. Release effort when the Universe ties loose ends; allow magic to emerge. Loosen your grip. Timing aligns, and blessings unfold naturally for you today.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Angels nudge you toward your highest divinity. You don't need fame or scripture to shine—lead with kindness, expect the best, and soften toward yourself and others to sustain harmonious living now.

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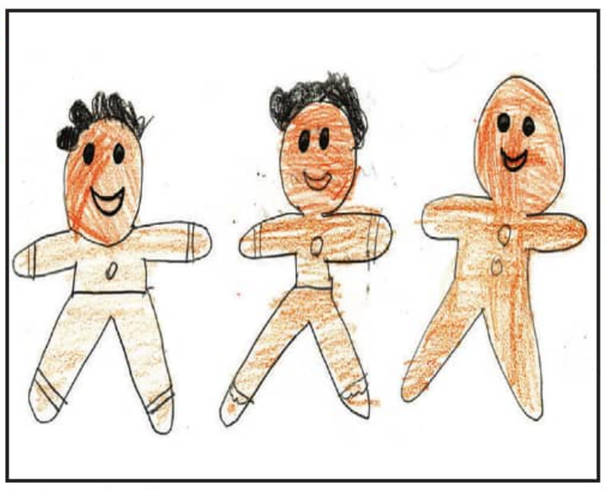

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SOLUTIONS

QUOTE UNCODE You cannot open a book without learning something.

RIDDLER 1. Close but no Cigar--This means to come close to succeeding, but not quite reaching your goal. 2. Excuse my French--This is a term used when someone curses at an inappropriate time. 3. Face the Music--This means to accept what will happen, instead of running from it or denying it.

BULL'S EYE able, bail, bale, bane, bean, bile, BIPLANE, blip

SOLVE IN 1M 54 – 20 + 9 = 43

FAST FIVE

P	A	S	H	A
I	D	E	A	S
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A	W	A	K	E
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STRIKE OUT

T	U	L	S	A		P	A	N	T	H	E	R		
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE

A. Split the diagram in half, horizontally and vertically, into quarters. Start in the top left cell of each quarter, and move around it in a clockwise spiral towards the centre. Letters are written in alternate segments, moving forward 7 letters at a time for the top left quarter, 6 letters for the top right, 5 letters for the lower right, and 4 letters for the lower left.

SUDOKU

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1	8	5	4	3	2	7	9	6
3	6	7	5	8	9	2	4	1
6	3	8	1	4	5	9	2	7
9	4	2	3	7	6	5	1	8
5	7	1	2	9	8	3	6	4
4	5	9	8	1	7	6	3	2
7	2	3	6	5	4	1	8	9
8	1	6	9	2	3	4	7	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE

D, Ed, Deb, Beds, Debts, Debuts, Budgets.

GO FIGURE

7 + 4 + 9 + 7 = 27
4 x 3 + 4 – 1 = 15
3 – 2 + 5 + 1 = 7

Easy
Medium
Hard

LOOP

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